



THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

June 2014 – Week 4

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TITLE: AUSTIN FIGHTS BACK

JUNE 1824 AND THE FATHER OF TEXAS FIGHTS BACK!

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JUNE 22, 1824. BRAZORIA COUNTY. KARANKAWA INDIANS ARE FEARSOME. OVER SIX FOOT TALL AND COVERED IN GATOR GREASE TO WARD OFF MOSQUITOS, THEY FIGHT WITH SPEARS AND HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO EAT THEIR ENEMIES.

AFTER SEVERAL KRONK RAIDS ON HIS COLONY, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN ORDERS SETTLER RANDAL JONES TO RETALIATE.

AT DAWN, JONES AND HIS MEN CATCH A BAND OF TWENTY KRONKS ALONG A CREEK WEST OF THE BRAZOS. SPEARS ARE NO MATCH FOR MUSKETS, AND ONLY FIVE INDIANS SURVIVE.

AUSTIN WINS THIS ONE, BUT THE KRONK CONTINUE TO HARASS HIM FOR YEARS.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN FOUGHT BACK 190 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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